

ancient

very old

archeologist

a person who studies human life in the past by looking at artifacts (tools, pots) left by that group of people

Aztecs

native people of central Mexico

chinampas

small island gardens

civilization

a group of people living in a certain way at a particular place and time

colony

an area that is ruled by a government in another place or country

conquer

to take over an area and a group of people

conquistadors

people who conquered or took over another group of people

customs

the way a group of people lives (food, beliefs, traditions)

descendants

the people who were born after you (your children, grandchildren)

emperor

ruler of an empire

empire

an area that is ruled by an emperor

glyphs

picture symbols

priest

the leader of a church

Mesoamerica

the area in parts of Mexico and
Central America

Montezuma

the leader of the Aztec people

noble

a person from a high ranking
family

sacrifice

to give up or kill for something